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Classified By: Political Officer Chris Zimmer for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

- ¶1. (C) SUMMARY: Since Jadranka Kosor took over as Prime Minister in July following Ivo Sanader's sudden resignation, she has brought to her office the past three years, the Croatian State Prosecutor's Office for the Suppression of Organized Crime and Corruption (USKOK) has been XXXXXXXXXXXX
- ¶2. (C) All of these cases have reportedly created strains within the ruling HDZ party, with senior party members arguing that the government's many well-informed sources have commented in particular on the shift in attitudes toward corruption between Kosor and her predecessor,
- ¶3. (C) Chamber of Commerce President Nadan Vidosevic, a long-time HDZ member and now independent candidate for president of Croatia, told the ZAGREB 00000644 002 OF 002 (NOTE: Bajic himself has told the Ambassador that he has the authority to investigate anybody as evidence dictates, and that he would pursue an
- ¶4. (C) Luka Madjeric, Head of the Government's Office for Human Rights and a former assistant to Kosor, told Poloff that Kosor rose quietly to power.
- ¶5. (SBU) The new political will to target corruption coincides with improved procedures for investigating and prosecuting cases, many of which
- ¶6. (C) COMMENT: Kosor's willingness to confront corruption appears genuine. But it almost certainly includes some elements of political calcul